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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7091**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1591

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 30, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Composition of Tax Court.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Saunders

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☐ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		990,794	869,794
Net Increase (Decrease)		(990,794)	(869,794)

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill adds two judges to the Indiana Tax Court. It provides for a chief judge of the Tax Court. It requires decisions of the Tax Court to be joined in by at least two judges of the Tax Court. It also makes related changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The total estimated costs of adding two judges to the Indiana Tax Court are \$990,794 in FY 2004 and \$869,794 in FY 2005. Expenditure details are presented in the following table.

	<b>Per Judge</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
Salaries	\$110,000		
Fringe Benefits (37% of Salaries)	\$40,700		
Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance	\$6,033		
<b>Total Cost per Judge</b>	<b>\$156,733</b>	<b>\$313,466</b>	<b>\$313,466</b>
Law Clerks			
(3 Clerks per Judge @ \$50,000 per Clerk)	\$150,000		
Fringe Benefits (18.16% of Salary)	\$27,240		
Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance	\$18,801		
<b>Total Cost per Judge</b>	<b>\$196,041</b>	<b>\$392,082</b>	<b>\$392,082</b>
Secretary (One per Judge)	\$35,000		
Fringe Benefits (18.16% of Salary)	\$6,356		
Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance	\$6,267		
<b>Total Cost per Judge</b>	<b>\$47,623</b>	<b>\$95,246</b>	<b>\$95,246</b>
Judicial Nominating Commission			
(4 Meetings in FY 2004 at \$1,250 per Meeting)		\$5,000	
Travel and Education Expenses per Judge	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Initial Start-up for Furniture and Computers	\$35,000	\$70,000	
Start-up Costs for a Law Library	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$4,000
Added Subsistence Allowance for Each Judge (\$2,500 per judge)		\$5,000	\$5,000
Furnishing an Automobile to Each Judge (\$20,000 for each judge)	\$20,000	\$40,000	
Rent Per Office	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b><u>\$990,794</u></b>	<b><u>\$869,794</u></b>

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Tax Court.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Karyn Graves, Indiana Tax Court.

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